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SUBJECT: MARRIAGE CASE - MENSHIKOV/CONLON

REF: A). STATE 293094, B). STATE 299117

1. MISS CONLON VISITED DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 10 TO DISCUSS HER INTENTIONS TO PURSUE VISA REQUEST AND TO REPORT ON INTERVIEW EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS HANDLING HER CASE. CONLON SAYS SHE IS DETERMINED TO PUSH HER REQUEST THROUGH TO A SUCCESSFUL END.

2. ACCORDING TO CONLON, SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS, AT END OF INTERVIEW, PROMISED TO ASK MFA TO REVIEW VISA TURN-DOWN AND TO NOTIFY HER IN TWO WEEKS OF WHETHER OR NOT A VISA COULD BE ISSUED. FROM HIS COMMENTS, CONLON FEELS DECEMBER 7 TURNDOWN, (REF B) AND INTOURIST CANCELLATIONS OF RESERVATIONS (REF A) WERE INSTINCTIVE, KNEE-JERK REACT-IONS TO PROPOSED MARRIAGE AND NOT FULLY CONSIDERED MOVES. SOVIET EMB OFF MENTIONED HE HAD HEARD FROM MFA THAT EMBASSY HAD RAISED THE CASE, AND, ACCORDING TO CONLON, SUGGESTED DOOR WAS NOT NAILED SHUT.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY REPORT OF APPROACH TO MFA.
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4. FOR LENINGRAD: CONLON DESCRIBES FIANCE AS UNEMPLOYED SON OF PROMINENT CHINA SCHOLAR, LEO MENSHIKOV (SIC). CONLON ALSO SAYS SHE DISCUSSED PROPOSED MARRIAGE WITH CON-GEN IN AUGUST. REQUEST ANY HELP CON-GEN CAN GIVE WITH CASE.

5. SENATOR HARRISON WILLIAMS INTERESTED. ROBINSON

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